

The Headlines

In California, a rental manager used racial epithets and conducted an egregious public campaign of harassment against a mixed race couple, driving a black man out of an apartment.

In Oregon, a woman with a section 8 voucher called an apartment complex and was told they had two-bedroom apartments available for rent. The landlord asked her how many people would occupy the apartment. When she replied that her two-year-old daughter would be living with her, the landlord replied that he did not rent to families with young children because the parking lot was unsafe.

In Palm Beach Florida, a Jewish couple settled a lawsuit against the town of Jupiter Inlet Colony. The lawsuit alleged the town officials targeted them and prevented them from building a new home in the community because they were Jewish. The lawsuit also alleged that the town discriminated against the general contractor because of her sex.

In Tennessee, an Hispanic resident filed a class action suit claiming that his rights were violated according to the Civil Rights Act and the Tennessee Human Rights Act by security guards employed by an apartment complex's management company. The Resident claims security guard's wrongfully accused him of driving drunk and speeding, insulted his Puerto Rican origin, handcuffed him and then ordered him to move out of the complex.



For more information about Fair Housing visit:
http://www.nashville.gov/mdha/fair_housing.htm



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*...to meet the challenge of
combating housing discrimination
through education.*



Friday, April 23, 2004
Willis Conference Center
Nashville, TN

The Message

The Nation's fair housing laws are intended to prohibit discrimination in the rental and sale of housing. The extent to which the general public, apartment managers, housing providers, bankers, and mortgage lenders are aware of and uphold the laws is the subject of this conference. There is bias in



Will he be discriminated against
in his search for housing?

the housing market whenever people who desire to rent or purchase apartments or homes are denied access or put to a disadvantage strictly because of some personal attribute, affiliation, or condition. This

conference is sponsored by several city, state, and local agencies around middle Tennessee in an effort to come together as partners in the fight against housing discrimination. Please join us at the *Tennessee Housing Matters* Fair Housing Conference on Friday, April 23, 2004.

Willis Conference Center: One Century Place

Directions:

Take I-40 East (toward Knoxville) to Briley Parkway North/Opryland Exit 215B. Go 1/2 mile to Elm Hill Pike Exit 7, turning right on Elm Hill Pike. At the 2nd light, turn right onto McGavock Pike. Turn right at the next light onto Century Blvd. Turn right into One Century Place. Turn left into the parking lot.

For more directions visit:
<http://www.meetatwillis.com/maps.htm>

Registration
8:00-8:30

Greetings/Remarks
8:30-9:00

Identifying Housing Discrimination

Speaker: Tracey McCartney
Executive Director, TN Fair Housing Council
9:00-9:30

Housing Needs of the International Community

Speakers: Sue Fort White, Commissioner, Metro Human Relations Commission
A panel of ethnically diverse residents will discuss their housing needs
9:30-10:00

Break 10:00-10:10

Limited English Proficiency / National Origin Discrimination

Dr. A. Dexter Samuels, Title VI Director, TDOT
10:10-10:40

Predatory Lending

Speakers: Kevin Lavender, Commissioner, TN Department of Financial Institutions
Colinda K. Howard, Attorney
10:40-11:40

Lunch
11:40-12:20

Keynote Address

Compliance, Education, and Tolerance
Keynote Speaker: Mawuli Davis, Human Rights Advocate
12:20-12:50

Fair Housing for People with Mental and Physical Disabilities

Speakers: Deana Claiborne, Executive Director, United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee
Scott J. Mayer, General Counsel, TN Human Rights Commission
12:50-1:50

Break 1:50-2:00

Accessing Homeownership Assistance Programs

Speakers: Debbie Reeves, Assistant Director, Homeownership Division, Tennessee Housing Development Agency
Maggie Griffith, Union Planters Bank
2:00-2:30

Creative Solutions to Fair Housing Problems

Speakers: Marie Williams, TN Dept. of Mental Health
Carol Gish, West TN Legal Services, Inc.
2:30-3:00

State and Federal Fair Housing Updates

Speakers: Amber Gooding, Executive Director, Tennessee Human Rights Commission
Dr. Edward L. Pringle, Director, Nashville HUD Office
3:00-3:30

Questions and Answers/Wrap Up
3:30-4:00

Registration Form (Please duplicate for additional Registrants)

Name

Organization

Real Estate License Number (if applicable)

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

Email

Please indicate if you are in need of translation services, and if so, indicate what language:

Sign Language will be provided.

Registration Fee: **\$32.00**
Registration Deadline: **April 9, 2004**

NOTE: Registration of **\$32.00** includes continental breakfast, lunch,* continuous coffee, and free parking.

Registrations received after April 9, 2004 will be \$50.00
* Please indicate special dietary needs

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